An answer to a Papisticall Byll/cast in the streetes of Northampton, and brought before the Iudges at the last Syses. 1570.

The Papistes bill.

Dw now my maisters
maryed Prieſtes,
How like you of theſe
newes?
You muſt forſake your
wicked lyues,
Your wyues muſt to
the ſtewes.

The Aunſwer.

How now my maſters
popiſh Prieſtes,
How like you of theſe
newes?
You muſt forſake your Sodomites lines,
For down is gone your ſtewes.

2. The papisticall byll.
What neede our women now take care,
What life they now do leade?
Since euery preaching knaue muſt haue
A whoore in houſe to treade.

2. The Proteſtant.
What neede our men now to take care,
What way they go or treade,
For thoſe Prieſts which wer whoremongers
Muſt now marry wife or maide.

3. The Papiſt.
There is not now a ſtrumpet whore,
In all the land to haue:
They are ſodainly ſnatched vp,
With ſome Geneua knaue.

3. The Proteſtant.
Bithe there is now no ſtrumpet whore,
In England for to haue:
Speake well then of the Goſpell good,
And do no more ſo raue.

4. The Papiſt.
Maiſter VVilborne, alias tiborne ticke,
There dwelleth in this towne:
Which ſought by all the meanes he coulde,
The Maſter to plucke downe.

4. The Proteſtant.
And where that godly Preacher ſought,
There dwelling in that towne:
Your knauerie and hipocriſie,
At Maſter to plucke downe.

5. The papiſt.
But I of him dare well pronounce,
And time the truth ſhall trie:
That he ſhall truſt vnto his heles,
Or els in Smithfield frie.

5. The proteſtant.
For this of him you dare pronounce,
And thouſandes of his ſide:
Not like to CHRIST, but to the Pope,
Who loues to ſee Chriſt fride.

6. The papiſt.
Not he, but thouſandes of his ſect,
Muſt to Geneua ſeeke:
The wreſtling of the Goſpell wrong,
Preuailes them not a leeke.

6. The Proteſtant.
If that in Rome and Geneua
The whoores were all well ſene:
The wreſtling of the Goſpell pure,
By that men might well deeme.

7. The Papiſt.
The Deuil when he would Chriſt attempt,
In Scripture ſeemed wyſe:
And for him they the Scriptures take,
To maintaine all their lyes.

7. The Proteſtant.
CHRIST, when the deuil did him tempt,
By Scripture did confute:
But Papiſtes paſſe on that no leſſe,
Then Fawkners on Hawkes mute.

8. The Papiſt.
Therefore be packing praying knaues,
Your raylingis to playne:
Commit your Baſtards to the bag,
And hye you hence agayne.

8. The Proteſtant.
Saint Frances preaching to the Birdes,
All countries hath well ſpyde:
So as if Foles ſhould be hanged vp,
The Papiſtes ſure ſhould ryde.

9. The Papiſt.
And where I tolde you of your wyues,
Take you for them no care:
Shift for your ſelues, and trudge with ſpede
Leaſt halter be your ſhare.

9. The Proteſtant.
Idolatrie and adulterie,
For them you take no care,
But euery godly common wealth,
May wyſh ſuch tyborne fare.

10. The Papiſt.
FINIS. Q. Non eſt Inuentus.

10. The proteſtant.
FINIS. Coronat opus,
Exitus acta probat.

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Three helps deuiſed by the Pope for his Mayden Prieſtes.

FIrſt that Prieſtes myght examine in confeſsions, wyues, & Maydes of theyr whoredom, & by that they knewe to make their bargaynes, and the people looking on, muſt thinke it confeſsion, and committing the like with them, they had power to geue them a knauiſh abſolucion.

2 The ſeconde helpe appeareth Gloſ. in Cauſ. 11. q 3. cap. Abſit: That if any of hys Clergy ſhould be foũd embraſing a woman, it muſt be expounded and preſuppoſed hee doth it to bleſſe her.

3 The third helpe, that in euerye Citye (lyke as it is now in Rome) one ſtewes at the leaſt to be permitted.

Experientia docet.

Doctor VVeſton in England, who was burnt, but not with coales, billets, faggots, ſtraw, nor reedes.

Alſo, the twoo Mayden Biſhops at the laſt counſell of Trent 1562. beyng taken bleſsing mens wyues, the one was thruſt through wyth a Bores ſpeare, the other hanged out of a wyndow, in the ſight of all the people.

Et cetera.

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